



**U.S. Department of  
Transportation**  
Office of the Secretary  
of Transportation

## **NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN**

**Docket OST-98-3455**

This serves as interim notice to the public of the action described below, taken orally by the Department official indicated; the confirming order or other decision document will be issued as soon as possible.

Applicant: **HEAVYLIFT-VOLGADNEPR LTD.**

Date Filed: February 10, 1998

Relief requested: Exemption from 49 U.S.C. 40109(g) to operate four one-way emergency cabotage outsized cargo charter flights between Wilmington, OH, and Seattle, WA, during the period February 12-March 12, 1998, using Russian-registered Antonov 124 aircraft, carrying a total of five GE90 engines and related components required at the Boeing Company for production of B777 aircraft on behalf of General Electric Aircraft Engines (GE).

Applicant representative: Lester Bridgeman (334) 432-1414

Responsive pleadings: HeavyLift-VolgaDnepr served its application on those U.S. carriers operating large all-cargo aircraft. Each carrier indicated that it did not have aircraft available to conduct the proposed operations, and that it had no comment or did not oppose grant of the requested authority to HeavyLift-VolgaDnepr.

### **DISPOSITION**

Action: **APPROVED**

Action date: **FEBRUARY 11, 1998**

Effective dates of authority granted: **FEBRUARY 12 - MARCH 12, 1998**

Basis for approval: We found that our action was consistent with all the relevant criteria of 49 U.S.C. 40109(g) for the grant of an exemption of this type, and that the grant of this authority was required in the public interest. Moreover, based on the representations of the U.S. carriers, we concluded that no U.S. carrier had aircraft available which could be used to conduct the operation at issue here. We also found that grant of this authority would prevent unreasonable hardship to GE and Boeing.

Except to the extent exempted/waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated:

X Standard exemption conditions (attached)

X The applicant shall comply with an FAA-approved flight routing for the authorized flights.

Action taken by: Charles A. Hunnicutt  
Assistant Secretary for Aviation and  
International Affairs